

What is claimed is:

1 1. Apparatus for cooking food within a fireplace having a space for building a
2 fire, wherein said apparatus comprises:
3 a food grill including a food support surface and an elongated handle
4 extending from a proximal end of said food support surface; and
5 a frame including a coupling portion, a support portion, and a base portion,
6 wherein said coupling portion removably accepts a distal end of said food grill to
7 hold said food grill to extend horizontally outward from said coupling portion,
8 above said space for building a fire, wherein said support portion extends
9 downward from said coupling portion to be disposed behind said space for
10 building a fire, and wherein said base portion extends outward from a lower end
11 of said support portion to be disposed along a floor of said fireplace below said
12 space for building a fire.

1 2. The apparatus of claim 1, wherein said coupling portion holds said food
2 grill in a plurality of vertically spaced-apart positions.

1 3. The apparatus of claim 2, wherein
2 said coupling portion comprises a pair of slotted members and a crossbar,
3 each of said slotted members has a plurality of vertically spaced apart
4 slots,
5 each of said slots engages a portion of said distal end of said food grill,
6 and
7 said crossbar holds said slotted members horizontally spaced apart to
8 engage said distal end of said food grill in spaced apart positions.

1 4. The apparatus of claim 1, wherein
2 said apparatus comprises a plurality of food grills,
3 each of said food grills includes a food support surface and an elongated

4 handle extending from a proximal end of said food support surface, and
5 said coupling portion removably accepts distal portions of all said food
6 grills in said plurality of food grills.

1 5. The apparatus of claim 4, wherein said coupling portion holds each of said
2 food grills in a plurality of vertically spaced positions.

1 6. The apparatus of claim 5, wherein
2 said coupling portion comprises a plurality of pairs of slotted members and
3 a crossbar,
4 each of said slotted members has a plurality of vertically spaced apart
5 slots,
6 each of said slots engages a portion of said distal end of each food grill in
7 said plurality of food grills, and
8 said crossbar holds said pairs of slotted members horizontally spaced
9 apart to engage said distal end of each of said food grills in spaced apart
10 positions.

1 7. The apparatus of claim 1, wherein
2 said frame includes a pair of spaced apart L-shaped brackets,
3 said support portion of said frame includes vertically extending legs of
4 said pair of L-shaped brackets, and
5 said base portion of said frame includes horizontally extending legs of
6 said pair of L-shaped brackets.

1 8. The apparatus of claim 7, wherein said base portion of said frame
2 additionally includes a crossbar extending between said horizontally extending
3 legs of said pair of L-shaped brackets.

1 9. The apparatus of claim 1, wherein said food support surface includes a
2 number of ribs extending in both directions around rectangular apertures.

1 10. A frame for supporting a food grill for cooking food within a fireplace
2 having a space for building a fire, wherein said frame comprises:

3 a coupling removably accepting a distal end of said food grill to hold said
4 food grill to extend horizontally outward from said coupling portion, above said
5 space for building a fire;

6 a support portion extending downward from said coupling portion to be
7 disposed behind said space for building a fire; and

8 a base portion extending outward from a lower end of said support portion
9 to be disposed along a floor of said fireplace below said space for building a fire.

1 11. The frame of claim 10, wherein said coupling portion holds said food grill
2 in a plurality of vertically spaced-apart positions.

1 12. The frame of claim 11, wherein

2 said coupling portion comprises a pair of slotted members and a crossbar,
3 each of said slotted members has a plurality of vertically spaced apart
4 slots,

5 each of said slots engages a portion of said distal end of said food grill,
6 and

7 said crossbar holds said slotted members horizontally spaced apart to
8 engage said distal end of said food grill in spaced apart positions.

1 13. The frame of claim 10, wherein said coupling portion removably accepts
2 distal portions of food grills in a plurality of food grills.

1 14. The apparatus of claim 13, wherein said coupling portion holds each of
2 said food grills in a plurality of vertically spaced positions.

1 15. The frame of claim 14, wherein
2 said coupling portion comprises a plurality of pairs of slotted members and
3 a crossbar,
4 each of said slotted members has a plurality of vertically spaced apart
5 slots,
6 each of said slots engages a portion of said distal end of a food grill in
7 said plurality of food grills, and
8 said crossbar holds said pairs of slotted members horizontally spaced
9 apart to engage said distal end of each of said food grills in spaced apart
10 positions.

1 16. The frame of claim 10, including a pair of spaced apart L-shaped
2 brackets, wherein
3 said support portion includes vertically extending legs of said pair of L-
4 shaped brackets, and
5 said base portion includes horizontally extending legs of said pair of L-
6 shaped brackets.

1 17. The apparatus of claim 16, wherein said base portion additionally includes
2 a crossbar extending between said horizontally extending legs of said pair of L-
3 shaped brackets.
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